

## **Regarding the incidental turtle take on June 5, 2006 aboard the F/V Jana Lin**

At approximately 2200 hours, I received a call from Erin McMichael, Trawl supervisor aboard the F/V "Jana Lin," stating that she had a Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) that did not seem well. She stated, "They picked up the turtle and water came out of its mouth," and that it was "Quite lethargic." I then explained to her that sometimes the trawls can be extremely stressful on the animals and to keep it on deck for a few hours, prior to release to monitor it. About 15 minutes later, at 2215, she called to tell me that she thought the turtle was deceased, as there was no movement, or reflexes. I then had the F/V "Miss Adrienne" take me over to the Jana Lin to observe the turtle. Given that Ms. McMichael has a tremendous amount of sea turtle experience, however is new to the dredging / trawling industry, we transferred the turtle to the Miss Adrienne for me to attempt resuscitation as well as monitor it. I left a voice message for Mike Ward at 2338 hours stating that we had a Loggerhead with a grim prognosis, however would be in touch first thing in the morning. Allison Griffin with ECO, Inc was notified as well.

At 0000 hours, after trying everything recommended by NMFS to resuscitate drowned sea turtles, this animal was still unresponsive to stimuli, and the eyes were fixed and dilated. Rigor mortis had also started to set. It was my professional opinion that there was no hope for this animal. It was put in the freezer at 0200 hours and is currently being held on the Miss Adrienne as I await further instruction on where to send it for necropsy.

This is my personal statement as to the events that transpired on June 5, 2006 between 2200 and 0200 hours regarding the incidental take of a Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) on the F/V Jana Lin during the Navarre Beach, Florida Beach Renourishment Project. Questions relating to the events and disposition of the turtle prior to the transfer over to the Miss Adrienne should be directed to Erin McMichael at: 770-715-6683. Questions relating to the final disposition of the turtle may be directed to me, Jennifer Scott, at: 361-442-5193.

Thank you,

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